

JUDICIAL BRANCH OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW OF JUDICIAL BRANCH

- Under the North Carolina Constitution, the Judicial Branch is established as an equal branch of state government with the Legislative and Executive branches.
 - Nearly **7,000** employees
 - Includes **545** elected judicial officials:
 - **7** Supreme Court justices
 - **15** Court of Appeals judges
 - **107** superior court judges
 - **273** district court judges
 - **100** clerks of superior court
 - **43** district attorneys
 - Along with **672** appointed magistrates and **572** Indigent Defense Services staff



TRIAL AND APPELLATE COURT STAFF

- Trial and appellate court staff account for the majority of all Judicial Branch employees. They consist of various positions, such as assistant district attorneys, law clerks, secretarial personnel, investigators, legal assistants, and trial court coordinators.
 - **541** judicial support staff
 - **684** assistant district attorneys
 - **674** district attorney support staff
 - **2,655** assistant and deputy clerks



THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

573 employees



15 separate divisions within NCAOC

- Budget and Management
- Business Analysis and Process Management
- Communications Office
- Court Programs and Services
- Court Services
- Financial Services
- General Counsel
- General Services
- Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program
- Human Resources
- Language Access Services
- Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Research, Policy, and Planning
- Technology Services
- Training and Development



BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

- The Budget and Management Division conducts the budget development, execution, and management processes for the Judicial Branch. This includes ongoing budget and financial analysis, and serving as the Judicial Branch liaison with the Office of State Budget and Management and the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division.
 - **4** employees
 - **215** organizational budget areas across seven budget codes
 - **336** expenditure and revenue accounts managed
 - **\$558 million** in state appropriations, plus special funds



FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Financial Services Division works with the General Assembly and appropriate Executive Branch agencies to manage the Judicial Branch's financial resources.
 - **31** employees
 - **\$131.4 million** fixed assets management
 - **\$62 million** in managed grants
 - **\$8.5 million** in managed contracts



GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION

- General Services Division is the central purchaser of supplies, equipment, publications, and professional services to meet the Judicial Branch's business needs. This centralized approach allows the NCAOC to leverage buying power in order to gain better pricing for items purchased in volume.
 - **39** employees
 - **3,418** transactions processed monthly
 - **1.8 million** pounds of supplies and equipment delivered monthly



BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND PROCESS MANAGEMENT

- The Business Analysis and Process Management team is responsible for bridging the gap between software systems and judicial branch partners by assessing processes, determining requirements and delivering data-driven recommendations and reports to executives and stakeholders.
 - **27** employees
 - **14,035,717** processes created
 - **50,771** NCAWARE users
 - **3,500** eCitations created daily



RESEARCH, POLICY, AND PLANNING

- Research, Policy, and Planning Division is responsible for conducting research and generating reports on court statistics, managing grants and contracts, developing and analyzing workload data, and staffing and managing special projects.
 - **4** employees
 - **23** contracts for **108** employees
 - **47** grants for **260** employees
 - **68** fiscal notes provided on proposed legislation



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Providing information, tools, and strategies to communicate to the Judicial Branch's many and varied internal and external audiences with the goal putting our best foot forward: a professional, consistent, and unified voice.

7 employees work on and oversee statewide outreach programs and services for the Judicial Branch:

- Brand and identity
- Marketing communications planning
- Material development
- Media relations, news coverage, press events
- Newsletters and bulletins
- Public information requests
- Publications
- Social media
- Speakers Bureau
- Text alerts during COOP situations
- Video production
- Websites that get ~40M views



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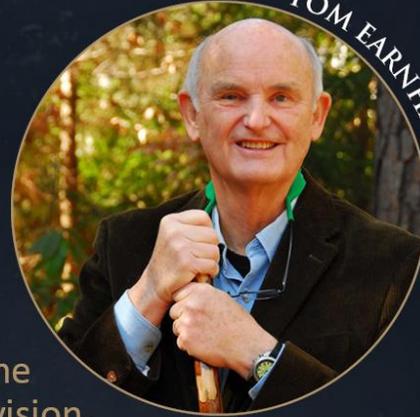
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NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Documentary Film

Acclaimed North Carolina Documentarian Tom Earnhardt and the North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society present a documentary entitled *North Carolina Supreme Court at 200: Stability and Change*

1819-2019. The documentary covers the first 200 years of the Supreme Court of North Carolina and is available on North Carolina Public Television. For scheduled air times, visit www.UNCTV.org.



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COURT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Court Programs and Services Division assists our state's courts to provide justice and increase access to justice for families and individuals who face civil, dependency, delinquency, and criminal court actions.
 - **28** employees
 - **10,025** child custody cases mediated
 - **44,804** domestic cases filed
 - **4,993** parenting agreements drafted



OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS SERVICES

- Language Access Services removes barriers that hinder equal access to justice for individuals with limited English proficiency by providing resources that enhance the quality and availability of interpreting and translation services in state courts.
 - **85** foreign language court interpreters
 - Services provided for **59** different languages
 - **555** court forms translated into Spanish and Vietnamese



GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

- Established by the General Assembly in 1983, the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program equips community volunteers to serve abused and neglected children by advocating for their best interests in court. At the trial level, GAL volunteers and attorney advocates, along with program staff, provide team representation for the child.
 - **187** employees
 - **5,539** volunteer advocates
 - **152** pro bono attorneys
 - **72,369** child abuse and neglect hearings



COURT SERVICES

- Court Services is responsible for providing recordkeeping guidelines and support to the state's trial courts.
 - **22** employees
 - **20,295** procedural help desk calls handled
 - **10,193** discs received for quality assurance
 - **17,622** expunction petitions



OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

- The Office of General Counsel works to help ensure effective, efficient, equitable, and legally compliant delivery of judicial services and operations throughout the state, by providing thorough, timely legal advice to court officials and staff.
 - **10** employees
 - **Primary** business areas include:
 - Providing advice and counsel to judicial officials and staff
 - Serving as legal staff to various Judicial Branch committees
 - Working with Judicial Branch personnel to provide court official education



HUMAN RESOURCES

- Human Resources Division provides professional services and programs to all Judicial Branch hiring authorities, officials, and employees.
 - **23** HR positions, each serve an average of **304** Judicial Branch employees
 - **5,990** position change transactions
 - **56,543** job applicants



OFFICE OF POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- The Office of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs oversees strategic outreach to state, federal, and local governments in order to promote the legislative and policy priorities of the Judicial Branch.
 - **6** employees
 - **Primary** business areas include:
 - Managing legislative strategy
 - Monitoring bills impacting the Judicial Branch
 - Optimizing the impact of the Judicial Branch's services, programs, and resources.



TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION

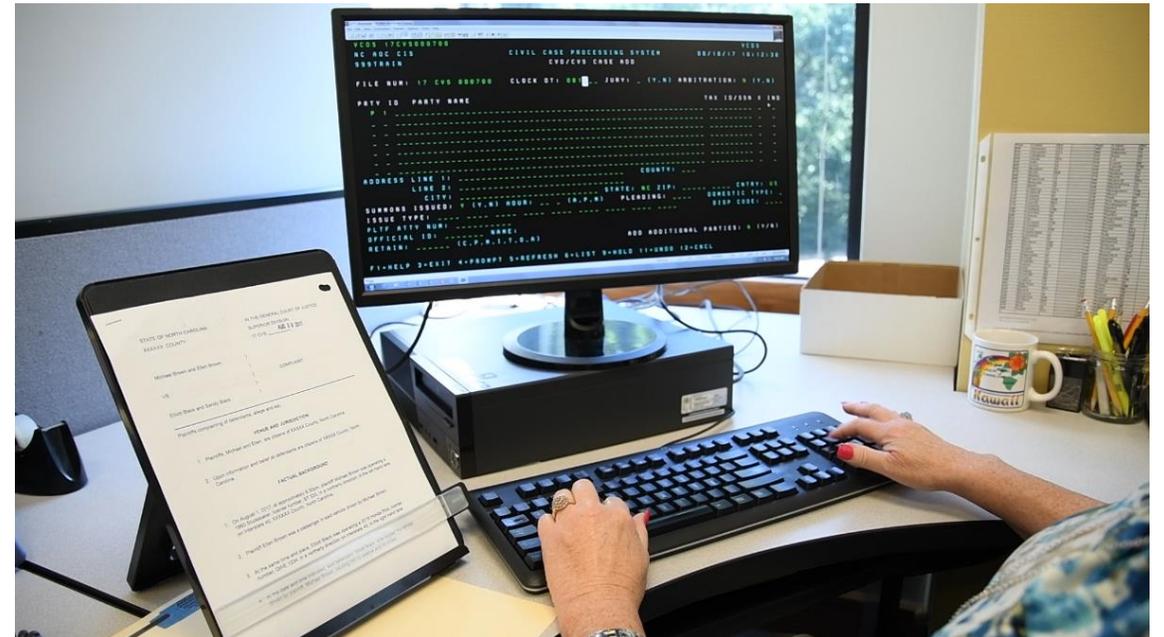
- Technology Services Division (TSD) provides information technology services and solutions to support the day-to-day work of the Judicial Branch.
 - **140** employees
 - **38 million** email spam/malware attacks blocked
 - **1.74 million** digital transactions daily
 - **830,848** citations electronically disposed



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- Training and Development Division provides audio visual, curriculum management, instructional design, and training and field support services for the Judicial Branch.

- **25** employees
- **128** learning center training events
- **1,846** judicial instructor-led session completions
- **50** eLearning course modules





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